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and fairies and ogres in general. Then follow notes on each tale, in which Mr. Lang applies his method to each separate story, making this edition of Perrault an introduction to the study of popular tales in general. The conclusions reached by the editor have been alluded to above, and it remains to call attention to the beautiful form in which the book is presented to its readers. It is a veritable *édition de luxe*, bound in half parchment, printed on hand-made paper with broad margins, a large-paper copy, in short, with two portraits of Perrault, — a book indispensable to the student of folk-tales, and attractive to the general reader and amateur of handsome printing.

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**SELECT TALES FROM THE GESTA ROMANORUM.** Translated from the Latin, with preliminary observations and notes, by Rev. C. SWAN. New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1887. (Knickerbocker Nuggets.)

In 1824 the Rev. Charles Swan translated into English (using the Latin text printed by Henry Graue in Hagenau, 1508) the "Gesta Romanorum." Twenty-one years later, a certain G. B., unknown to the cataloguers of the British Museum, published a little book entitled "Evenings with the Old Story Tellers: Select Tales from the Gesta Romanorum," etc. (edited by G. B., 1845. 12mo.) This selection of twenty-seven stories was reprinted by the enlightened firm of Wiley and Putnam, and now, after a lapse of forty-two years, Mr. Putnam's Sons have begun their charming series with this little volume, long out of print. The attention of students of popular tales has lately been directed almost wholly to modern folk-tales, and we hail with pleasure anything that will guide them into the broad field of mediæval fiction, where many a curious flower remains to be plucked. May this dainty little book guide some readers to Swan's complete work (in Bohn's Antiquarian Library), or to Oesterley's edition of the original (Berlin, 1872), with its copious references to sources and imitations.

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